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AMENDMENT

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This paper addresses the Office Action dated April 27, 2000. Initially, kindly amend the application as follows.

In The Claims:

Claim 1, line 20 delete "said arms" and insert --said arm members-- therefor.

Claim 2, line 20 delete "said arms" and insert --said arm members-- therefor.

~~Please amend claims 3-6, 10 and 13-14 as follows:~~

3. (amended) A self engaging orthodontic bracket according to claim 1, wherein the retaining means is a dome shape notch formed in an occlusal [a gingival] wall of said gingival tie wings.

4. (amended) A self-engaging orthodontic bracket according to claim 3, wherein said notch accommodates a [the]

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